

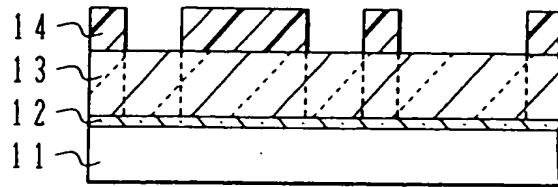
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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 12A-14B. These sheet, which include Figs. 12A-14B, replaces the original sheets including Fig. 12A-14B. Figs. 12A-14B have been labeled as "Prior Art".



FIG.12A PRIOR ART



NONEFFECTIVE WAFER AREA (PERIPHERAL WAFER AREA)

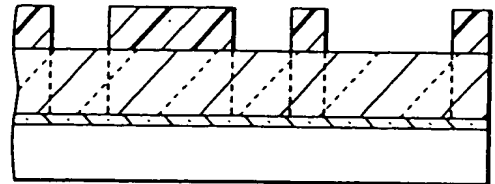


FIG.12B PRIOR ART

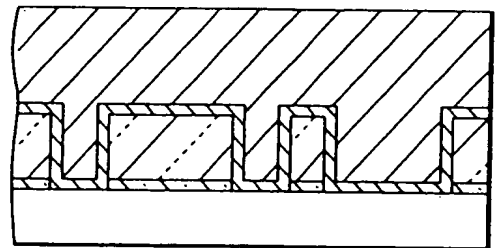
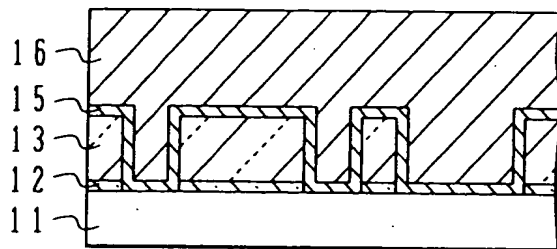


FIG.12C PRIOR ART

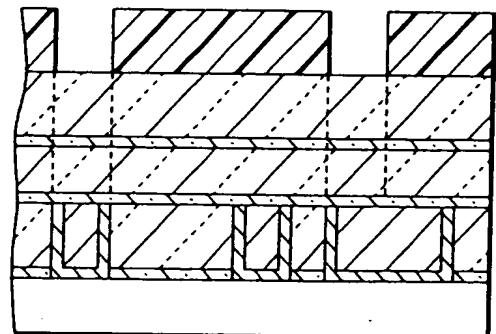
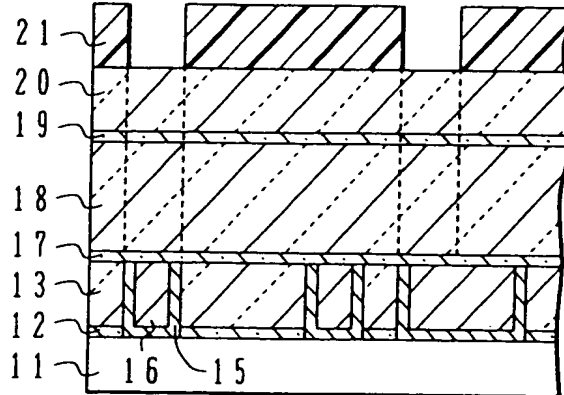


FIG.12D PRIOR ART

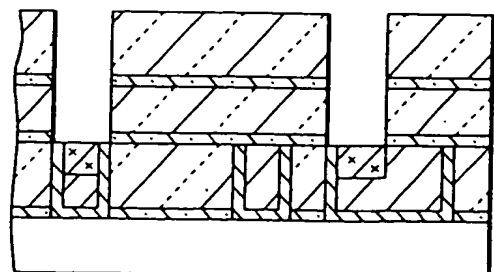
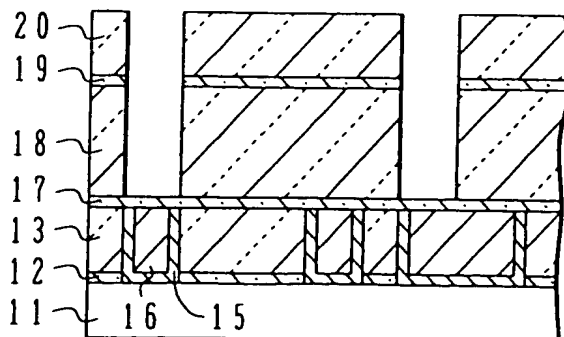




FIG.13A PRIOR ART

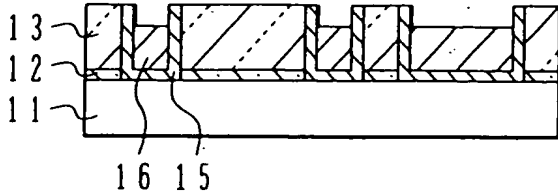


FIG.13B PRIOR ART

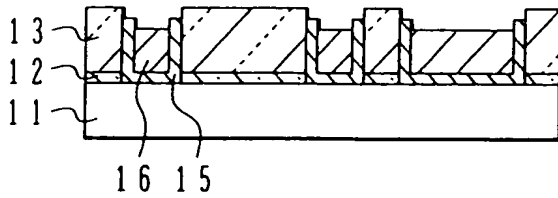


FIG.13C PRIOR ART

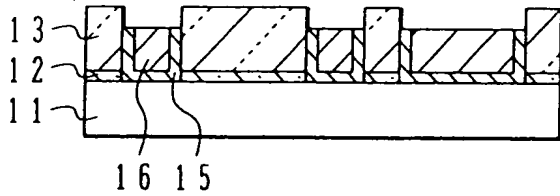


FIG.13D PRIOR ART

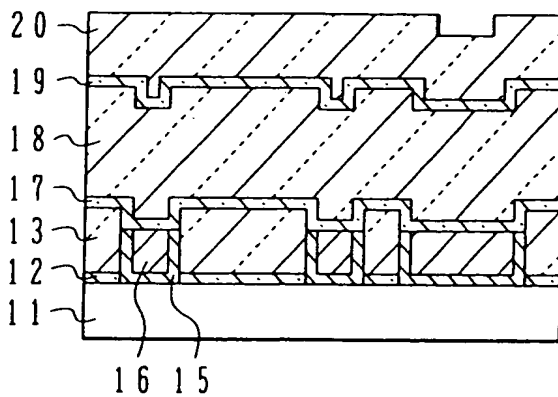


FIG.13E PRIOR ART

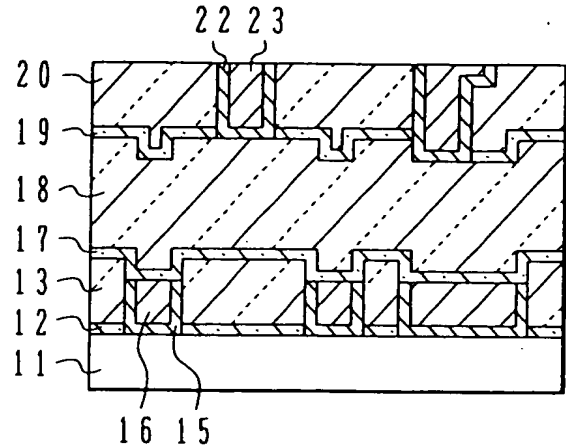


FIG.13F PRIOR ART

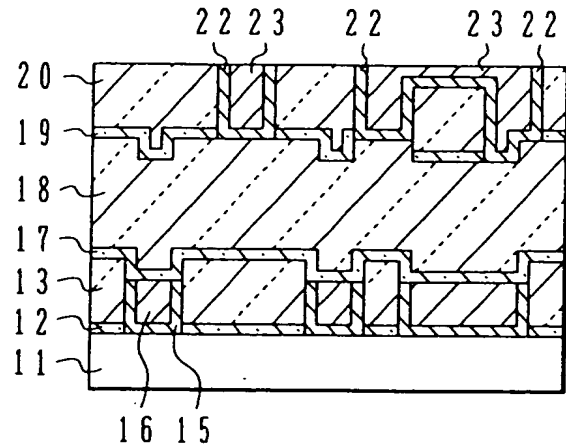
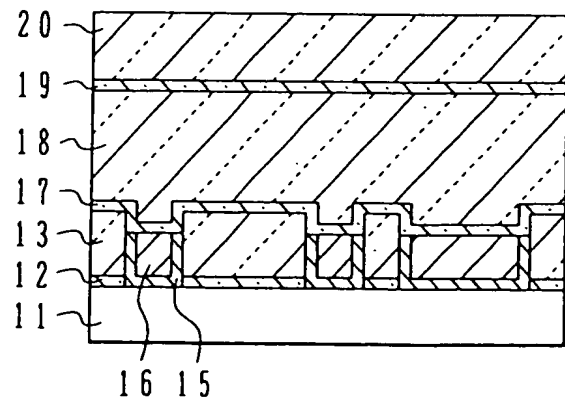


FIG.13G PRIOR ART





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(PERIPHERAL WAFER AREA)

FIG.14A PRIOR ART

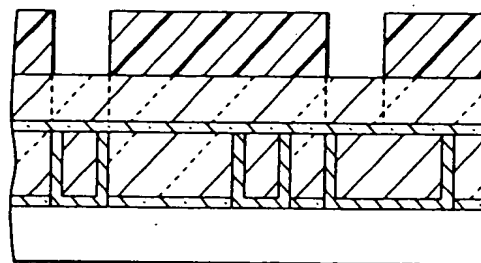
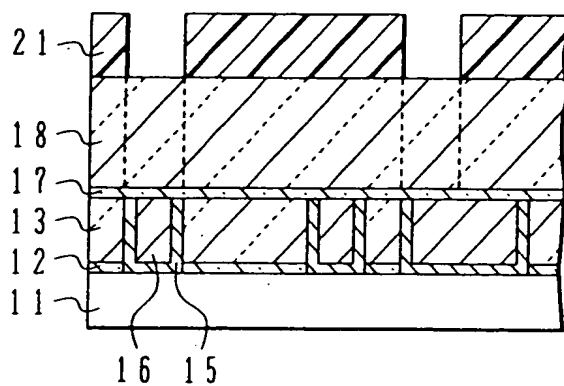


FIG.14B PRIOR ART

